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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Commission

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SUBJECT: CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR SOS MONITORING IN PSC DOCKET NO. 14-144

A Request for Proposal (RFP) for technical monitoring consulting services for the 2014-2015 Standard Offer Service procurement in Delaware was issued by Delmarva Power. Proposals were received from three consulting firms ranging in price from \$50,000 to \$95,615. Two bids were in the lower range and one bid was in the upper price range. The bid amounts stated are for two bid days and all bids include an estimate for travel and miscellaneous expenses.

Liberty Consulting Group is the current Commission approved SOS monitor and has performed this function satisfactorily for the last two Delmarva Power & Light SOS cycles. All of the consulting firms offering a bid have some degree of auction monitoring experience. All three firms submitted plans that were consistent with the scope of work requested in the RFP. All of the respective firms also use computer modeling. The number of hours and dollar amounts of the bids for The Liberty Consulting Group and Vantage were very close. The bid by Liberty, however, was the lowest. Commission Staff has worked with Liberty on other dockets and found that the company performed in a satisfactory manner in all dockets.

Staff recommends the retention of Liberty Consulting Group, Inc. as the SOS technical monitoring consultant for the 2014/2015 SOS procurements with a bid offer "not to exceed" \$50,000.